

Board, his substitute so elected may attend and take part in the meeting in the place of such member.

(3) The method of voting at the election of members of the first and every succeeding Board, including such substitutes as aforesaid, shall be that prescribed in Clause 29 of the Scheme.

6. The Board shall hold office for twelve months, at the end of which period all members of the Board shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.

7. The Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they may think fit.

8. The Secretary shall upon receipt of any requisition for a meeting of the Board signed by any member of the Board or by any owner, summon a meeting of the Board by giving not less than three days' notice in writing of such meeting to every member of the Board:

Provided that the purpose for which the meeting is required shall be specified in every such requisition and notice as aforesaid.

9. The Board shall appoint a Chairman to preside at the meetings thereof and a Deputy Chairman to preside in his absence. If at any meeting of the Board neither the Chairman nor the Deputy Chairman is present, the members of the Board present shall choose one of their number to act as Chairman of that meeting.

10. Three members of the Board present at a meeting shall form a quorum.

11. Any casual vacancy occurring on the Board may be filled by the members of the Board, but any person so appointed a member of the Board shall retire with the elected members at the end of their term of office:

Provided that the person so appointed shall be representative of those Owners by whom the member whose place is being filled was elected.

12. The Board may appoint Sub-Committees from time to time from among their own members or otherwise for such purposes as they shall think fit:

Provided that any decision of a Sub-Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

13. The Board shall appoint a Secretary to the Board and such other officers as are required to give effect to the functions of the Board, and they shall fix the terms and duration of each appointment.

14. Voting at all meetings of the Board and at meetings of any Sub-Committee appointed by the Board shall be by show of hands, each member having one vote, but in the event of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

15. Subject to the provisions of the Scheme the meetings of the Board and of any Sub-Committees appointed by the Board shall be held and conducted in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Board, including provision for the taking and keeping of minutes which shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which they are approved and such signature shall be sufficient evidence of their accuracy.

16. The expenses of the Board and of any Sub-Committees appointed by the Board and

the salaries of any officers of the Board, including such remuneration (if any) of the Chairman of the Board as may be determined by vote of a general meeting of Owners, shall be payable out of the District Fund.

#### *General Meetings.*

17. Mr. Alec Morris, the Secretary of the Shropshire Coal Owners Association, shall call or cause to be called a general meeting of all the Owners not later than seven days after the date on which the Scheme comes into force, for the purpose of electing the first Board and for any other business that may be necessary under the Scheme.

18. A general meeting of Owners shall be held in each succeeding year at intervals of approximately twelve months:

Provided that such annual general meeting shall be held not less than seven days before the retirement of the Board for the time being is due to take place, and that the business of such annual general meeting shall include the election of the Board for the twelve months following upon such retirement.

19. The election of representatives of the District to the Central Council, together with any substitutes therefor, shall take place at a general meeting:

Provided that such representatives and substitutes shall be elected from amongst those persons who have been elected or appointed to membership of the Executive Board and are still serving in that capacity.

20. Save as otherwise provided in the Scheme, the date, time and place of all general meetings shall be determined by the Board.

21. The Board may whenever they shall think fit, and shall upon requisition made in writing by not less than three Owners, convene a general meeting. Such requisition shall expressly state the object of the meeting that it is proposed to call and shall be addressed to the Secretary.

22. Upon receipt of such requisition the Board shall proceed forthwith to call a general meeting, and, if they neglect to do so for seven days from the date of the serving of the requisition on the Secretary, the signatories of the requisition may themselves convene the meeting.

23. At least seven days' notice in writing of every general meeting stating the time, the date and the place of the meeting shall be sent by the Secretary or other person convening the meeting to each Owner and such notice shall also state the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting, but the non-receipt of the notice by any Owner shall not invalidate the proceedings at a general meeting.

24. The expenses of all general meetings, including the expenses of the meeting summoned under Clause 17 of the Scheme, shall be regarded as expenses of the Board and shall be paid out of the District Fund.

25. (1) At the first and each subsequent annual general meeting, the Owners present shall appoint a Chairman and Deputy Chairman of general meetings who shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting when they shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.